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### Construction of New Airfield near Zeitz

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1. [redacted]  
[redacted] work on a construction project, apparently an airfield, is to start near Zeitz in 1954. Surveyors were allegedly to be detached to the construction site in the near future.

2. At the beginning of November 1953, [redacted] Bauunion was charged with a new construction project near Zeitz. A total of 40 million eastmarks will be required and preliminary work is to start immediately. [redacted] the construction project apparently will be the same size as Tutow airfield. [redacted] the Bauunion Brandenburg was establishing a branch office near Zeitz and had made a list of construction material required. Deuben and Profen railroad stations were mentioned as supply stations. Preliminary work was allegedly to begin in early January 1954.

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3. In October 1953, the Brandenburg Bauunion was charged with a construction project north of Zeitz. Surveying work for a spur track between Theissen and Profen had allegedly not yet been started by October.

4. In conjunction with the intended re-organization of the Bauunions in East Germany, in early December 1953, mention was made that the Bauunion Brandenburg was charged with a construction project near Zeitz and that an 8-km-long spur track was to be laid to the construction site. Allegedly, 70 men of the Bauunion had already been detached to the construction site.

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Comment. This is the first information on the intended construction of a new airfield near Zeitz. In conjunction with the existing airfields at Merseburg and Altenburg, such an airfield would increase AA protection of the Central East German industrial area.

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